--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 250 x 15 mm. ---

Lee Brandom should list the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/10th pound black 250 mm. strip as follows:

RP-652 - 1/10th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, 250 x 15 mm. - 4½ mm. *red* controls
RP-653 - 1/10th pound, black, *coarse roulette*, ***white tablet***, on horizontal mesh wove, 250 x 15 mm. - 4½ mm. *red* controls

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

As will happen in the “Series of 1915”, beginning with the 1/9th pound strip, there are two different lengths in the same denomination - 155 mm. and 250 mm. This may be due to the packaging requirements from certain manufacturers, or to the 1914 wartime restrictions. This difference was later bridged in the “Series of 1915” by producing the 10 inch ***long white end*** version of the 135 mm. strip.

--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1897” - 250 x 15 mm. ---

--- *recess printed* in black ink - with *dark tablets* - 4½ mm. *red controls* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

--- RP-652 - *coarse roulette* - on *horizontal mesh* wove - scanned at 65% scale - 250 x 15 mm. ---

RP-652 - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **096252** - 250 x 15 mm.
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1 - 30** by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton, Ontario

RP-652 - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, control number **482437**,
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / 1 - 30** by “Tuckett Tobacco”, Hamilton, Ontario - *not a white tablet strip*

068508	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable roller
096252★	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-30**
137036	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, an unreadable roller
422238★	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, with an unreadable violet roller - Div. 17
434185	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 6-17**
482437★	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-30**
482687	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, with an unreadable roller
580133★	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 6-17**
634557	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 6-17**
831439	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-30**
887197	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-30**
889232	RP-652	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, rollered **TOBACCO / 1-30**

Lee Brandom lists a *white tablet* late-issue variety of the 1/10th pound black 250 mm. strip. The tablets in many of these longer 1/10th pound strips appear at a glance to be *white* (see above) however, under magnification, it becomes apparent that they have a well-worn [Dominion of Canada] background. If extant, **RP-653** is **WANTED!** I am only presuming that this strip would be a *coarse roulette* printed on *horizontal mesh* wove paper. Does a true white tablet strip really exist?

The 249 mm. TP versions of 1/10th pound strip which follow are recess printed on *vertical mesh* wove, and thus are from the original trial proofs. It seems that all of these 250 mm. 1/10th pound strips were printed by *rotary press*, or by rotary press, since they are the same length.

RP-652n - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering - 249 x 15 mm.
Roller cancelled **TOBACCO / A-20** by the tobacco merchant "C. T. Bates & Co.", Ottawa

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RP-652n - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, without control numbering - 249 x 15 mm.
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink

The collection ***does not contain*** a *control-free* copy of **RP-652n** - the *coarse roulette* 1/10th pound black strip printed on *vertical mesh* wove, stamped ***Sample*** in purple ink. **WANTED!**

--- RP-652 DP - 1/10th pound black die proof - "CANADA-F-45" - 250 x 15 mm. - scanned at 100% scale ---

RP-652 DP - 1/10th Pound Tobacco, imperforate black die proof "CANADA-F-45" on heavy wove paper
Actually a one piece die proof - optically split in the scanner - at 100% scale to show the details

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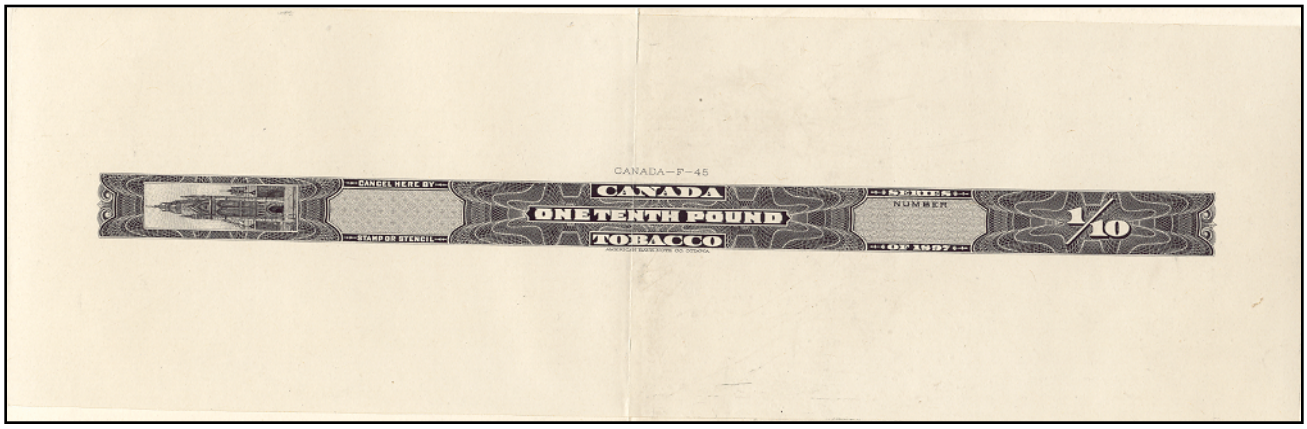
--- RP-652 DP - 1/8th pound black large die proof - “CANADA-F-45” - 246 x 15 mm. ---



RP-652 DP - 1/10th pound, the central portion of the large (6” x 12”) black die proof “CANADA-F–45” - 247 x 15 mm.
Pencil inscribed on the back “*No dies*” and “*Do not give out*!” - scanned at 60% scale

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